

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 556
By Walley

A RESOLUTION to honor Mary M. Pulliam, a beloved teacher, on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body recognize those who in their years of work have performed with extraordinary dedication and unprecedented devotion; and

WHEREAS, Mary M. Pulliam is one such outstanding person who has served with alacrity and acuity for 53 years for Hardeman County; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Pulliam attended St. Katherine's School for Girls in Bolivar, Tennessee, before its closing in 1936; she was awarded a scholarship to Sewanee, Tennessee, but she went to Central High School instead; and

WHEREAS, Mary received her B.A. in 1946 from Union University and her M.E. in 1966 from Memphis State University; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Pulliam began her brilliant teaching career during her college matriculation; she has taught grades 1-5 in her tenure as a teacher; and

WHEREAS, Mary Pulliam exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a great Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Pulliam is an active and vital part of the community and her profession, participating in numerous civic clubs and organizations; and

WHEREAS, Mary is fortunate to have shared her life with her husband, Richard T. Pulliam, her two daughters, Diane P. Stewart and Debbie Naylor, and her four grandchildren, Tommy, Heather, Kursten and Jordan; and

WHEREAS, Mary also takes time from a very busy schedule to tutor after hours during the school year and even tutors some students on Saturday; and

WHEREAS, Mary Pulliam's adroit qualities include the uncommon ability to motivate others to fully realize their potential; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we commend Mary M. Pulliam on her retirement and we extend to her our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and continued success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.